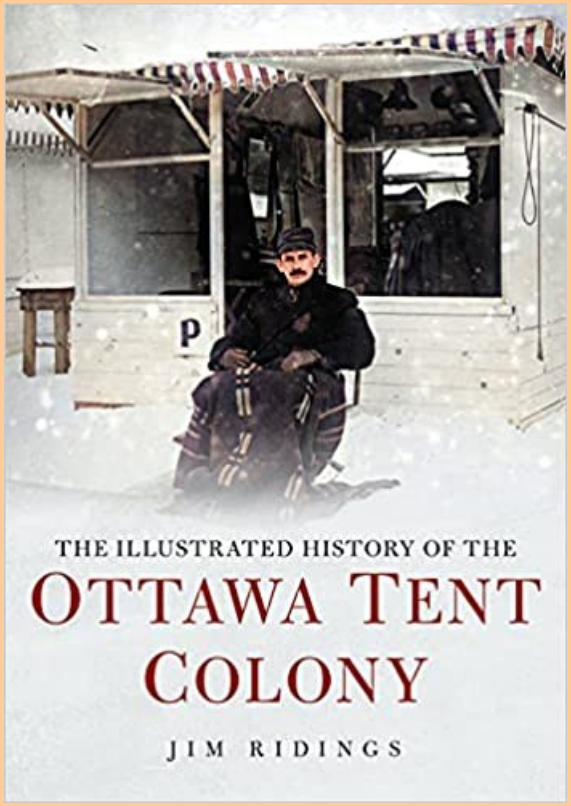
Tuberculosis in Central Illinois

for

The Livingston County Historical Society



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Tuberculosis

- Never hear of this disease mentioned today
- Has killed more humans than any other disease over history
- In 1943, American researchers Selman Waksman and Albert Schatz discovered streptomycin, the first effective drug against tuberculosis.
- Prior to 1943, treatments were:
  - -move out west to cleaner air (Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado)
  - -Sanitarium (fresh air and nutritious diet)

Tuberculosis

- Many Livingston County patients sent to sanitariums in other cities in Illinois

- New Illinois State Law allowed counties to tax and operate sanitariums

- 1922, Livingston County passed vote to build sanitarium
  - -Slated to be torn down when new health center building completed

Tuberculosis

December 10, 1952, Pantagraph Negative

Liv. County Connections to Tent Colony

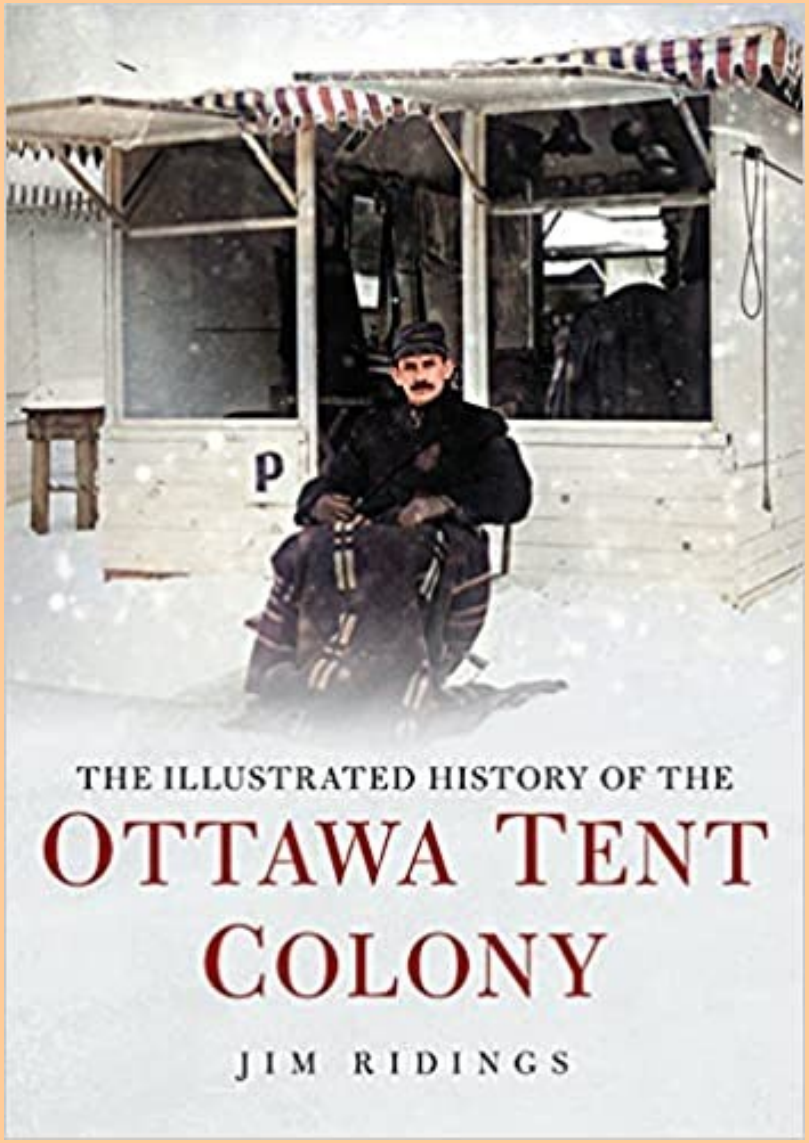
- Many Livingston County patients sent to sanitariums in other cities in Illinois……Including Ottawa Tent Colony

- Frances Ann Bodley
  - -Grew up farm 5 miles NW of Fairbury
  - - Maley graduated nursing school in 1917 in Chicago.
  - -Went to Army basic training at Camp Grant – Rockford
  - -Army nurse at hospital No. 32 in Chicago WWI
  - -Later served as Livingston County nurse until 1968

Livelong Friends

-Helen J. Voltmer

-Frances Ann Bodley - Maley

Worked as Nursing Superintendent at Ottawa Tent Colony

Ottawa Tent Colony